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SUBJ: 32ND UNGA--THIRD COMMITTEE/SELF-DETERMINATION, ITEM 79

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1. THE THIRD COMMITTEE COMPLETED ACTION OCT 24 ON ITEM 79, SELF-DETERMINATION, ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/C.3/32/L.8 BY A VOTE OF 108-3(US)-18.

2. THE BELGIAN AMENDMENT, OF WHICH THE US WAS A CO-SPONSOR, WAS DEFEATED BY A VOTE OF 25(US)-61-41.

3. AN UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE RESOLUTION WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF AN AMENDMENT BY THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE VIETNAMESE HAD APPARENTLY CONSULTED WITH A FEW OF THE ARAB COSPONSORS BUT HAD NOT DISCUSSED THEIR AMENDMENT WITH THE AFRICAN GROUP. FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION OF THE AMENDMENT, THE DELEGATIONS OF MALI AND GHANA ASKED FOR A TEN-MINUTE ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING IN ORDER TO EXAMINE THE AMENDMENT AND SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION TO WITHDRAW THEIR PROPOSAL.

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ALTHOUGH THE VIETNAMESE WERE UNSUCCESSFUL ON THIS ATTEMPT, WE SHOULD EXPECT THIS LANGUAGE TO SURFACE AGAIN SOME TIME DURING THIS ASSEMBLY. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

"UNDERLINES THE RIGHT OF ALL STATES TO PROVIDE MATERIAL, MORAL, AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLES STILL UNDER COLONIALIST DOMINATION STRUGGLING FOR THE RIGHT TO SELF-

DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE."

4. THE US DELIVERED AN EXPLANATION OF VOTE FOLLOWING THE VOTE
ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED REFTEL. COPY OF THE STATEMENT IS BEING
POUCHED TO IO/HR, HEWITT.

5. VOTING ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING "NO": FRANCE, ISRAEL, US

ABSTAINING: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK,
FINLAND, FRG, ICELAND, IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, LUXEMBOURG,
NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, SPAIN, SWEDEN, UK

6. BELGIAN AMENDMENT. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT SOME
OF THE COSPONSORS OF THE SELF-DETERMINATION RESOLUTION
SET A NEW PRECEDENT AND DEFIED LOGIC IN VOTING IN FAVOR OF
AN AMENDMENT TO THEIR OWN RESOLUTION. THESE INCLUDED LIBERIA,
GABON, WHO VOTED "YES" ON THE BELGIAN AMENDMENT AND LESOTHO
AND RWANDA WHO ABSTAINED.

VOTING "YES": BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, EL SALVADOR, FIJI,
FRANCE, GABON, FRG, GREECE, GRENADA, HONDURAS, ICELAND,
IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, LIBERIA, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS,
NORWAY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, TURKEY, UK, US.

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REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, FINLAND, GAMBIA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN,
JAPAN, LEBANON, LESOTHO, MALAYSIA, MALDIVES, MEXICO, MOROCCO,
NEPAL, NEW ZEALAND, PERU, PHILIPPINE, RWANDA, SAUDI ARABIA,
SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, SURINAM, SWAZILAND, SWEDEN, THAILAND,
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